







Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.:  
Dear Sir and Brother—Nearly all

With this preamble, I am going to lay your mind of a burden that has been for some time weighing upon me. I have for some time weighed upon my friends to whom I have confided my resolve to write to you on this subject, and I would only bring down a torrent of abuse on my poor friends, if I told them of my present feelings. I have had confidence in your integrity and have known you to be a man of honor. I have sought your advice in the same kind of spirit as it was written, "I can in a moment of anger, be as foolish as a man." The outbursts of righteous indignation—some times more emphatic than words—have been the cause of many a quarrel, because in me there is some of the same combative mettle. I come to you with a heart full of confidence, I have inherited some of their aggressive militancy and impatience against all that is wrong. I have been told that you have a great deal of admiration for you, personally, Mr. Moore, I regard it as a compliment. I have been told that you shun, to tell some plain truths, which your confessed friends seem not to be able to do. I have been told that you are above all things, to get a clear view of the situation, the true causes of the trouble, and to present to the world itself, a plain, simple, and unadorned statement of investigation; and no true student of the subject, would not regard you should testify as a faithful witness. Hence, the directness with which I lay before you the subject of the importance of such a large and to you personally

Resently I have made a canvass in this city among Liberals, whom I approached with a view to securing them as prospective future subscribers and with whom I left sample Blades for inspection. The consensus of opinion was that on account of the

"Tell the truth at all times, however distressed it may seem at times, still do it, if you be honest. It's more manly, more courageous—in fact, the only course to command respect. Let the Blade live up to its motto: 'Edited by a heathen in the interest of good morals.' Make of it a clean family paper, devoid of all vulgarity and coarseness; allow no violation of the reputable literature usage in the employment of language or caricature; make it offensive to good taste and refined sentiment should find refuge in its columns.

A breezy style refulgent with bright wit, scathing satire, virile, forceful, fearless language would make the Blade a dread and a scourge to tyrannists and superstitious reactionaries, and demand where here and there has been but condemnation. Within a comparatively short time I have added to the Blade some of the best of the nation's literary talent. I can offer that I am no little talker.

Now, if the Blade will every endeavor to make the Blade clean and wise, to retain these sixty-five, but through them others will come to you and it will cost no great effort to bring to the Blade the aid of a dignified, influential, will be generally and widely felt. The Blade ought to be synonymous with integrity, truth and accuracy: "If you see it in the Blade,

Rev. C. C. Moore:

Dear Sir—In reply to A. A. Snow's inquiry as to regard to Dr. M. R. Hammer, will say that you gave a very good answer to him.

Dr. Hammer is still at Fort Madison. His health is fairly good. He is stationed at a gate in the South-east corner of the prison yard, which he opens and shuts to let teams in and out. His record is good and he is trusted by the officials accordingly. Strange to say, they have seen none of the criminal characteristics in him make up.

Whether the voters of this county are going to stand idly by and allow such indignity to be heaped upon a Governor, who has himself pronounced the petition "one of the largest petitions ever handed in to a Governor," remains to be seen.

Be that as it may, Governor Cummins has lost the friendship of several hundred voters in this locality.

Dr. Hammer would appreciate letters from his friends everywhere. He cannot answer letters, but he can receive any number. Address Dr. M. R. Hammer, Fort Madison, Iowa, care of Hon. N. N. Jones.

R. C. King, Carlisle, Ky.... 1 book.  
Chas. T. Braun, Cincinnati..10 books  
A. M. Krone, Cincinnati, O..10 books  
J. H. Fraser, Cincinnati.... 1 book.  
C. C. Moore, Lexington, Ky. 5 books  
M. Wamsley, Cincinnati....10 books  
B. Gray, Ashland, Ky..... 2 books  
Capt. Carr, Ashland, Ky.... 2 books

lives to nurture its growth.

When that congress meets, could your voice cry out, that was forever lost to me? I shall stand in the dungeoned solitude, the very walls of Rome would tremble with their triumphal shriek.

On their day—the day—of those who suffered immortal anguish as well as the day we triumphantly call our own.

Their Congress will be the victors of martyred millions. It will dignify Liberalism all over the world. It will make glorious history for our cause. It will do everything relating to this which it should be proud to do. This reflects my own sentiments.

I donate my time and expenses of family, while away, I feel that I will have no more to say about this than I cannot afford. If there are enough books subscribed for, from which the profits at \$1.00 and possibly meet expected expenses, I will go.

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I will find out soon, as near as I can, what the traveling and living expenses will be, and I will add 25 per cent on each book it will require the sale of at least 1,800 copies—this fo-

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We hope to receive a goods number of reports from you. All we want is a start, and the day will grow to be one of general observation. But some one must take the first step. Liberty is the hope of the future. Liberty is the day will be a failure. Liberty is slow to move, and one has to every community must stand ready to give their time and make some sacrifice to start any Liberal movement.

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Secretary Sachs was away on

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Anderson, Oakville, Ind.; Judge D.  
Evans, Danville, Ind.; J. B. Wyatt,  
tica, Ind., and J. A. Dods, Nashville,  
Tenn. These gentlemen, in their  
dresses, and were followe yst a  
and reminiscences of Col. Ingersoll  
in which nearly every one present  
saged, and which were most enjoy-  
able. One of the speakers said he  
felt that a good start had been made  
and that, eventually, this will be  
great anniversary of Liberalism.

I am enthused over the start, but greatly regret the disappointment of the Liberals who came, and did not find us. From the reports I am receiving, there must have been several hundred. Street car conductors said they were being questioned a day about it. But it was but one

He is a splendid looking fellow, and regard that as the highest of all compliments that can be paid me. I intend to send him a copy of "Dog Fennel," with my dedication and blessing in it, as soon as the book is out. Some good friends have been kind enough to name children for my wife and I, and it is our purpose to send each of them a little keepsake and if a child is born to get them I hope the gift will notify me.

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